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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned national stage application of PCT/EP99/00411 filed on even date herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5, 7, and 9 – 13 as follows:

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5. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to [one or more of] Claim[s] 1 [to 4], characterized in that both electrode sheets have a periodic or aperiodic pattern of strips or grids made of a material having metallic conductivity.

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7. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to [one or more of] Claim[s] 1 [to 6], characterized in that the pattern of strips or grid made of the material having electrical conductivity is aperiodic on at least one electrode.

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9. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to Claim 7 [or 8], characterized in that the arrangement of the aperiodic grid is such that the mean of the distance between two neighboring points of intersection of the

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